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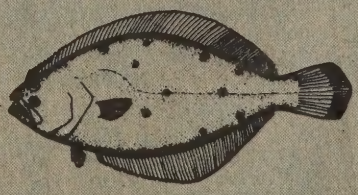

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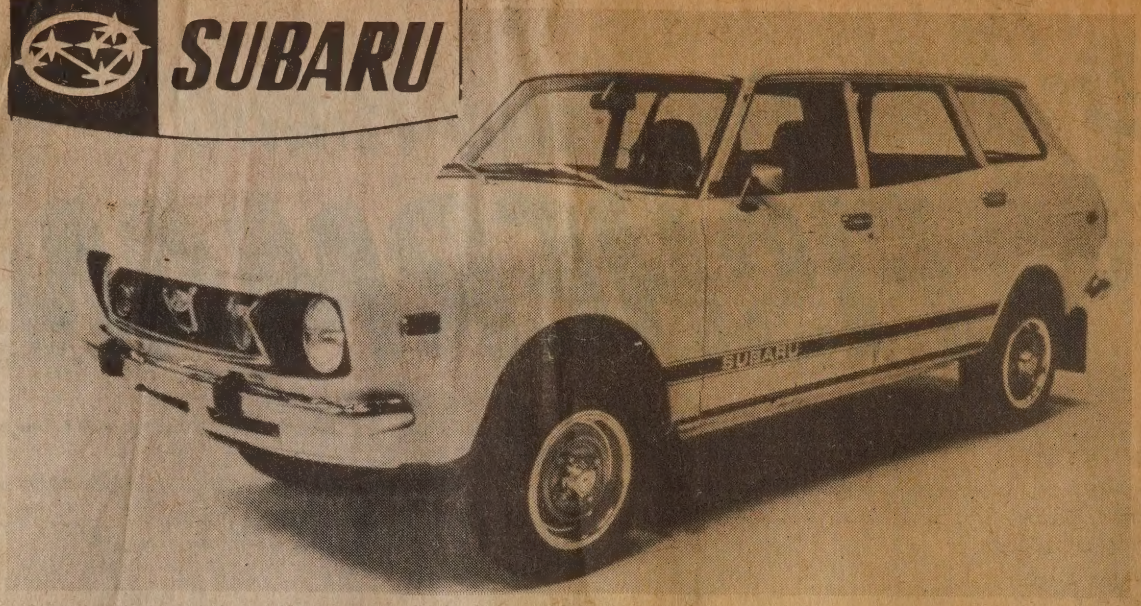

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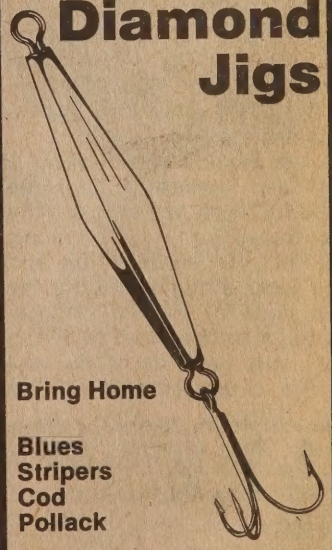

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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-7 is offering a new six lesson public Boating Safety Course. The shorter, more concise course will be given starting Tuesday, September 23, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. at two locations, Baldwin Senior High and JFK High School in Bellmore.

The new course is called "Boating Skills and Seamanship", and the subjects covered include: Aids to Navigation, Rules of the Road, Boat Handling, Legal Requirements, Sailors' Terminology, Safe Boating Techniques and Marlinspike Seamanship.

Registration at both schools will be held at the beginning session. A Certificate of Proficiency will be awarded by the Coast Guard to all those who pass the final examination. The course is given free by qualified Auxiliarists, but there is a nominal charge for textbooks and materials.

At the completion of the mandatory subjects, if time is available, other optional one lesson courses will be given in boating related skills.

For further information contact Mr. Stanley Samet, telephone (516) 694-6745.

On The Water Demo

On Sunday, October 12, 1975, at 1 P.M. the South Shore Power Squadron will conduct an "On The Water Demonstration" at the Wantagh Park Marina, Wantagh, New York which will be open to the general public.

This on the water demonstration is held with the cooperation of the Nassau County Dept. of Parks and the U.S. Coast Guard Safety Detachment.

We will have outboards, single and twin screw vessels demonstrating the proper technique for docking, undocking, tying up, anchoring, rafting, man overboard, outboard launching and different fire extinguishers. All are welcome. There is no charge, and for further details call (516) 826-3262.

Boating Course

Flotilla 13-6, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will begin its twelve lesson course on boating skills and seamanship on Monday, September 22, and Tuesday, September 23, 1875 at 7:30 P.M. at the Uniondale High School. Uniondale, New York. The course will be given by qualified instructors, and will feature all aspects of boat handling. It is open to the general lpublic and is a free registration course in adult education. For early registration course in adult educatication. For early registration or additional information, telephone Adult Education Office, Uniondale High School 485-9800.

Outboard Motor Repair Course

Classes will start the evening of September 24th. There will be two separate classes from 6:00 to 8:00 and the other from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. Class members can bring in their own motors up to 40 h.p. and leave them in the building to work on until the class ends in December, 10 sessions. Everything to winterize the motor. Bring your own tools. $25 for ten weeks.

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FREEPORT FISHING FESTIVAL RESULTS

George Ehlers, President of the Freeport Tuna Club called in to tell LIF the results of the festival which was held in Freeport on Saturday August 16th.

As far as the bluefish are concerned an award went to the "Stor Fisk" for a White Marlin of 97 lbs. The Captain was Mike Desmond and the angler was George Svorka. Another award went to this same boat, "Stor Fisk" for the most outstanding catch. The shark award went to the Captain and angler of the "Miss Marion" who brought in a 207 ¾ lb. Mako. This boat also received a 2nd award for the largest total weight.

An award went to Captain and angler Bob Schlichtig on "Horn Pipe" for a bluefish of 13 lbs. Bob is from the Reel Times Fishing Club of Elmont. 2nd prize for total weight went to the fabulous party with also 150 free raffel prizes extended in addition to the awards.

"Foxy Lady" whose captain Howie Brown belongs to the Baldwin Rod and Gun Club.

Mako Marina of Freeport donated a big game rod to the festival which went to Capt. Daad of Howard Beach, of the "Lady Astor" because he quit fishing early in the day to offer assistance to a troubled boat and towed him back to safety in Freeport. Many, Many thanks are extended to the Hempstead Town Marina for their great facilities and cooperation. It was a hell of a tournament with everyone having the times of their lives. It was a

Chum Lines

What's The Story?

I hope you can explain a very confusing situation to me. I have a cousin that lives and fishes in New Jersey. Recently while discussing the fluke situation, I told him that the fluke fishing in NY has been good but there were lots of throwbacks. He said you don't have to throw any fluke back in New Jersey because there is no such thing as a 14" limit there. He said he was also told by a number of party boat capt's. from one of Jersey's fishing fleets that no fluke should be thrown back no matter how small because of an over abundance problem. Could this be possible? Please advise. *Tony Spinelli, Brooklyn, NY.*

The 14" fluke limit is a New York State Law. New Jersey has no limits on fluke fishing. The New York Law was enacted on January 1, 1965. Our marine scientists determined that this would allow the fluke to grow to spawning size and thus insure to grow further stocks. It seems to have helped what was a bad situation.

The allegation of "over abundance" is pure nonsense. Our marine scientist don't have enough data and are not prepared to make statements like that pertaining to the lowliest of sea creatures, no less the fluke. Statements like that must stem from complete ignorance.

We feel any fishes that inhabit the waters of several states should be controlled by federal law. This will surely eliminate any inequities between states. It's done with birds through the migratory bird Act. Why not with fish?

EDITORIAL

The access to our beaches is fading fast, and there are more and more restrictions being leveled against beach fishermen each year.

On Long Island, access to good beaches continues to dwindle, although we have a number of state and county parks where surf fishing possibilities are good.

Part of the problem lies in the fact that different fishing passes are required for almost every park. In addition, passes are usually issued during working hours and only occasionally on weekends. It is not possible to obtain passes by mail; one must appear in person and sometimes the requirements approach harrassment.

It's unrealistic to expect a surfman to take a day off each time he needs a park pass; this is exactly what would be necessary if one wanted passes to parks spread out from Sunken Meadow to Montauk and Jones Beach. Unless, of course, a guy started early, finished late, and really burned up the track inbetween. Isn't it silly? Are our officials trying to tell us that we should only fish in one area? If that's the message, then they do not understand the nature of surf fishing!

The surf fishermen needs what little remains of the Long Island beach fishing, and it should be readily available to them.

It seems to us that a centralized office to issue a single pass for all Long sland parks would save money, coordinate the administration, and provide better statistics on the use of the facilities by fishermen, especially after dark.

Since the requirement for a pass at the present time is a legitimate vehicle registration and perhaps a minor fee, a mailing system would seem to be a viable method. The mailed application might include a short questionaire as a requisite for the pass.

The information gained could be correlated and used to help officials to formulate policies, administer programs, gain fisheries statistics, and improve law enforcement support for the night fisherman. A yearly fee in lieu of present permit and toll charges might be acceptable because it could be anticipated.

In addition, the National Seashore offers excellent opportunities for surfishermen with buggies and these beaches should be available to them. Again, a yearly permit should be available by mail for a reasonable fee from the federal government. This permit, renewable yearly would allow the holder buggy access to all National Seashore beaches.

The funds could be used for administration, protection and maintenance at the beaches.

We recognize the validity of some of the objections raised by environmentalists to the use of vehicles on beaches. However, the environmentalists should realize that they find fault only with irresponsible buggy fishermen, and these are in the minority. They forget that many beach fishermen are staunch environmentalists too. They forget the time, effort and money spent by LIBBA, Farragut Striper Club, and other angler groups to beautify and functionalize the beach.

No, the answer is not to prohibit 4-wheel drive vehicles from beaches. The answer lies in enforcement of sensible beach rules and the revocation of permits held by frequent offenders.

So let me summarize our position to this point. 1st, a modest yearly beach fishing fee, perhaps less than $10 in lieu of permit fees now charged at some parks and road tolls imposed at others. 2nd, one permit for all Long Island Parks, obtainable by mail from a central processing office, and 3rd, a permit for buggy fishermen to use the National Seashore. A yearly fee to pay the costs of enforcement and maintenance. Permits revocable if permit rules of vehicle operation are violated.

Dr. William A. Muller

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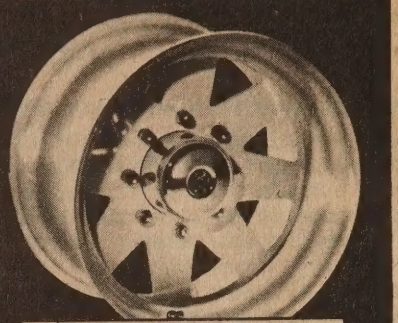

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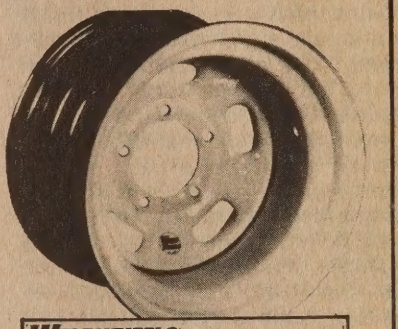

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DIVING

with John Fennimore

The Wrecks of Fire Island

Descending down the anchor line, the wreck began to take shape. It was an old wooden barge purposely skuttled as an artificial reef to be used for fish tagging experiments. On top of the wreck, fifteen feet below the surface, a fish lurked a short distance away from me. It was a blackfish with an estimated weight of eight pounds. "Wow," I thought to myself, "The first fish I see is a whopper and that's always a good sign." As it frequently happens, first impressions are misleading. That wasn't a "big" blackfish but rather it was one of the smaller fish that I was to see that day.

The top southern portion of the wreck had only a few holes in it which contained fish. My buddy and I then descended down another ten feet to the sandy bottom surrounding the wreck. Surveying the structure we found that it was in excellent shape. It was in such good condition that its fish producing properties can only increase with age. Further deterioration will make holes and provide more homes for fish. Moving away from the wreck we hit upon a mussel bed. The bed was a mound two feet high, and formed a pocket on the other side where the depth increased another five feet. Just over the next slope I could see a herd of the biggest blackfish I have ever seen in my entire diving career. The average weight must have been 12 pounds. There must have been a hundred of them swimming together in no apparent pattern from zero to eight feet off the bottom. The leaders of this group easily weighed fifteen pounds. In comparison, the actual body of the wreck held nothing, but forty feet away was a totally different picture. When fishing or hunting for blackfish those few feet can make all the difference.

We were diving at high tide slack two and a third nauticle miles east of the Robert Moses Bridge, and about 200 yards north of Fire Island. The wrecks are marked by two white privately maintained buoys. Fish weren't feeding, nor were there the remains of shredded crabs that one usually finds when diving with so many crustacean eating fish. The mussel beds, though large, contained extremely small mussels. On the south side of the wreck were the half shell remains of many large mussels. This didn't occur recently, and the suspected culprit is most probably starfish who unlike blackfish rarely damage the shell when eating. Since food doesn't seem to be the driving force which attracts these fish, it must be the location.

During slack tide the fish may require a place to rest that is a short distance away from their hunting grounds. In this way the blackfish will allow their prey to rest and come out of their shelters. When the tide is running they can move in and catch their prey off guard. Many times the force of the water brings their intended meals to them.

The south side of the wreck was littered with rocks. Blackfish were also found in this area. The previous day a school of stripers was seen chasing spearing and small bunkers in this area. But you never know what is going to run through that wild inlet.

A diver reported seeing a large ray in approximately 15 feet of water about 100 feet east of the Coast Guard dock right under the abandoned light house. He was an inexperienced diver, so we figured he saw one of the many dormat fluke that inhabit Fire Island waters. A few weeks later we heard reports of a 70 pound ray being caught near the spot where the diver had seen him. Rays are a rare and awesome creatures. I've only seen them once on the south shore. While snorkeling, a pair of rays with four foot wing spans errupted from the sand below me, and glided off to parts unknown.

There was an interesting story which was circulating through diving circles in the fall of '74. A diver had brought up a telescope which was over 100 years old. He did so in a recently dredged area in fifty feet of water. This brought up the possibility that the dredging had uncovered an unknown wreck buried beneath the sand for decades. This story further increased in validity when another diver claimed he had found the capstan, but hadn't the tools to remove it. This spot is much closer to the bridge, and just off of a wreck buoy which marks the spot of another ill-fated craft.

I dove in this area in late fall in search of this unknown wreck. Toward the closing of my dive I stumbled across the "alleged" capstan, but I came prepared. I brought a nylon lift bag and rope with me. I attached it to my find. and put just enough air in the bag to make it weightless in the water. I then headed for the anchor line. I knew what I found wasn't a capstan. It looked like one, it was heavy like one, but it wasn't made of metal. "What could it be," I pondered? Attaching a loop around the anchor line and adding more air to the lift bag, it slowly slid its way to the surface. I then towed it to the stern of the boat. When I got there it finally hit me what my find was, and at that instant someone yelled to me and asked what I had there. "A whale's vertebra," I replied. "A what?", was the answer I received.

A few seasons ago a diver reported a dead whale at the jetty. He tried to remove the jaw as proof, but it was no use. There were crescent shaped shark bites through out the carcass. At night the sharks would make short work of the dead whale. The currents then moved the whale, and not a trace could be found.

When the vertebra was brought aboard the boat it was confirmed that this was suppose to be the capstan. I then brought the bone to the Marine Science Research Center at Stony Brook, There Dr. J.L. McHugh estimated that it must have come from a right whale of some 50 feet in length. The weight of such a creature is incredible, and that back bone alone weighed 50 lbs.

The final conclusion was that by disproving one story, I substantiated another. There are only about 200 right whales in existance today. Therefore, the chances are that the bone I found came from the same whale which died there a few seasons ago. The telescope which was found does not provide enough evidence to warrent an intensive search for a wreck. A non-fixed instrument such as a telescope could easily have been dropped by a passing boat at any time.

The wreck of a fifty foot supply boat lies in about 8 fathoms of water also near the wreck buoy. This wreck is regularly fished by the Captree boats. Here too are some of the biggest blackfish anywhere. Due to stainless steel cables on the wreck many anchors are regularly lost here. On one dive we brought up two anchors both weighing around fifteen pounds.

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Surf Side

with Doc Muller

North Shore Blues
Part Three

Have you ever seen a school of blues trap and attack schools of bait up against the beach? Maybe you have seen this along the south side beaches, but have you ever been a witness to nature's drama on a quiet beach?

Those of you who have been surf fishing for a half dozen years or so probably remember it well. I used to make frequent trips to Bayville during the late sixties and sometimes I would leave my rod and reel at home. I would park myself on the high sand near the road and I would wait for the calm water to froth to life with blues.

During those years it was a nightly occurrence to see bluefish hit the Bayville Beaches. The tiny bunker were almost always the focal point of their attention and as the orange sun would strike the horizon the little baitfish would come flying out of the water, perhaps ten or twenty at a time. At first we wouldn't see the blues because the fish were still in ten feet of water and they remained under the bait. Within minutes crators would appear in the black bunker schools that drifted by and then several fish could be seen suspended in mid-air often grabbing the bait as they tumbled back into the water. By now the beach was alive and here and there groups of baitfish would thrust themselves high and dry on the sand and the water gradually developed a red tinge.

Fishermen seemed to rise out of the sand like sand fleas behind a receding wave and soon poppers were gurgling side by side as far as the eye could see and behind almost every plug were the snapping jaws of a blue. It was easy to catch twenty or thirty bluefish on some evenings.

Although Bayville was a better and more consistent producer at high water, there were times when all hell broke loose at low water too. This was especially true on the bay side of the Bayville Beach and to the west at Stahle's Beach.

One evening one of my wife's relatives from Vermont stopped over for dinner and as always the conversation worked its way around to fishing. Now Paul was used to largemouth bass and pickerel and he thought very highly of them indeed.

"They're great fighters Paul, but big blues will blow your mind and you have to try it soon." I was trying to work up to the suggestion that we leave right away.

He agreed and within minutes we were on our way. I had nothing to pack because in those days I was perpetually packed and ready. Paul was disturbed by the size of the rods that we carried and he expressed fear that we would feel nothing of the fight.

We arrived at Stahle's Beach at dead low water and things looked less than encouraging. But as we parked the car the blues went into their act and before we hit the suds they were stretched out from the eastern boundary to the private club on the west. Paul was in awe of the thrashing fish and blood stained water. There was no need to wade into the water and there was also no need to cast. All three of us, Paul, my seven year old son Drew, and I merely flipped the popper a few feet, twitched the tip and bingo, fish on!

I watched Paul's rod bend and shutter as the blues made run after run, and although a smile oozed out of the far corner of his mouth his faced grimaced as he was obviously working hard. Final count was twenty four blues in less than an hour! WOW!

The story is much the same elsewhere along the north shore. I think that if you delve back into your memory banks you'll recall that many places produced well. Let me run down a few of them. The blues did charge the beaches and harbors to the extreme west, such as Little Neck Bay and Manhasset Harbor, but access to these areas is more difficult and the action less continuous. Bayville Beaches were hot for years and should once again receive their share of the fish if the choppers once more roam the beaches.

Perhaps number two on the hit parade of best beaches was Sunken Meadow. There sure was great fishing there! A lot of the locals in that area preferred the low water period over the high tide and part of the advantage was in the fact that the fishermen could wade out and out and out.

There are also very good beaches further east. Places like Callahan's, Mackamaw, and Stony Brook's West Meadow Beach had much less publicity but produced a lot of fish.

The extreme eastern end of Long Island has also been good for beach bluefishing but many of the spots are impossible to find because of poorly lighted roads, obscure signs, winding dirt roads that seem to go nowhere, inaccurate maps, and more than one road with the same or similar name. Access is possible after Labor Day too. There is absolutely no way that I can direct you to these places because frankly I don't know the names of the roads. Rather, I fly "by familiarity with certain pieces of woods and farms. Most fisherman out there do the same. You'll have to learn where they are the same way that the rest of us did. Get lost a few dozen times.!

There are a few places that are reasonably easy to find. Roanoke Beach north of Riverhead has a good run of fish, but do not fish there at night because there are bands of roaming youths that may loot your car or worse mug you.

Horton's Point has been a favorite for years and the regulars like to fish there at dawn during the last of the flood and the first of the ebb during the late summer and early fall when the activity is slow. They seem to always pick a few big fish at dawn under these conditions.

The Shoreham power plant jetty should not be overlooked. However, bunker chunk fishing is the most productive technique, but a flood of small bait along the beaches could change this situation. The blues out there are big and I have seen fish near and slightly above twenty pounds taken there!

In general, areas that are good high water spots will be best during the first hours of the outgoing tide with only sporadic action during the last hours of the flood. Areas that produce low water are better during the last few hours of the outgoing tide then the first few hours of the incoming. This is true because in general Long Island Sound is an ebb tide fishing hole from the Throgs Neck Bridge to Orient Point. There are small areas; a hole, a bar, a big rock, or an inlet, that may be better on incoming water but these are not common.

That's a superficial breakdown of these areas. For more specific and detailed information about tides, lures, and places I would suggest that you check with local tackle stores. The people that own them are fishermen

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Tin Boat Blues

by Ron Walinchus

Picture this. The night is almost dead calm and very dark. You are fishing on the end of a North Shore jetty. There are only a few other fishermen around, and it is very, very quiet. Occasionally, someone speaks, but softly, out of respect to the serenity of the night. Every so often, a muffled clank can be heard from a small tin boat a little way offshore. Your eyes begin to close as you start to doze off. Then, from out of the blackness of the night, "Yahoo!" What is happening? "Yahoo! Yahoo!! My God! What is that? A ghost of an ancient Long Island Indian returning to reclaim his land? "Yahoo! Incredible! I can't believe this!!" Then a blinding flash from the darkness, then another as the flashcubes begin popping. Aha, the racket is coming from that tin boat. Madmen? Lunatics? Someone get the nut!

It truly must have seemed as though there were crazy men in that boat. But the fact is, the guys in the boat were quite sane, a bit loud maybe, but quite sane. My friend Paul and I were fishing bunker chunks for bluefish. The raucous noise was generated by my emotional friend as he hooked, played, and landed the first bluefish of his life. The light show was me—recording this event for all posterity. The wildest part of all this is that this scene was repeated over and over again that night and on many other nights last fall.

We were anchored in my twelve foot aluminum boat about 400 yards from the ends of the two jetties. We were into some of the most fantastic bluefishing I had ever experienced. Almost all the fish that we caught were over ten pounds, many approached the 20 pound mark, and one even surpassed that figure. Every night that we went out, we were consistently into fish of that size.

Being out in my boat and fishing bunker chunks on autumn nights was not a product of a spur of the moment decision. It was the end product of a gradual learning process and the adaptation of style based on existing physical conditions and fish behaviorism. It is interesting to see how the conditions of a particular area will dictate how it is to be fished successfully.

The area is the twin jetties at the site of the atomic energy plant in Shoreham, on the north shore of Suffolk County. These two jetties extend about 100 yards or so out into the Sound. They are separated by a relatively deep channel. (See illustration.) To the right of the jetties is a small tidal creek that empties into the Sound. A short distance up that creek is a boat-launching ramp. The water in front of the jetties is fairly deep with a bottom that is rocky in places, sandy in others, and weedy in the rest. From what I can gather, there is a sandbar or shelf that runs diagonally into the beach, and is considerably closer to the left jetty than to the right.

This, as I will explain later, makes the left jetty by far the better one to fish, but the only ways I know of getting to it are pretty involved. One way is to walk through the plant. Fat chance, unless you work there! Another way is to park out on the road in front of the plant and hike it around the plant—a very long walk. Swim the channel? Too dangerous! Drive a beach buggy to it? Only if you can find access to the beach. Getting to the jetty is not impossible and I have seen all these ways used.

My initial exposure to this beach occurred a few years ago when my family and I moved into the area from Nassau County. Before the move, I got my excitement by wading Nassau's north and south shore beaches and plugging for blues or bass on cool fall evenings. I particularly fished the Bayville area, where, for a while, it seemed that one could almost set his watch by the regularity with which the fish hit the beaches. For a few weeks in the fall one could watch huge schools of bluefish working the surface offshore, and just before dark they would erupt within casting distance from shore. Sometimes, they moved in so close that the bait that they were feeding on would actually be forced onto shore in an effort to escape. This made for very exciting times.

After we moved I began searching Suffolk's beaches for similar action. I found the Shoreham jetties and decided to give them a try. In early September, armed with rod and plug bag, I finally made it. As I walked up the jetty, I became increasingly disappointed. It looked like all the other fishermen were bottom fishing; no one was tossing plugs. Passing a few anglers, I inquired about the fishing and learned that they picked up a few fish. I went over to look at them and was frankly surprised to see that they were bluefish.

Now, this was all new to me, so I asked questions and received some rather startling news that would alter the method I would use to fish the place. I spent the rest of that year and parts of the next two seasons learning the jetties, the methods of taking fish from them, and noting some behavioral characteristics of the fish that feed there. Finally, refining these techniques resulted in my friend and I whooping it up in my little tin boat.

First off, I noted that the majority of the fish caught there were much bigger than the fish I was used to catching. The bluefish averaged around the ten pound mark. Three pounders were almost a rare occurrence. I saw some very large striped bass caught off the jetties. These bass were in the 20, 30, and 40-pound class. The areas off the left side of the left jetty and at the mouth of the tidal creek are particularly good for bass. Furthermore, the bluefish seem to increase in size with each season. I only hope that this is not a warning that their cycle is coming to an end.

Secondly, the bait that abounds in the area is much larger than I was accustomed to seeing. This factor probably is the reason that the larger fish are hanging around. The bait is primarily large Menhaden. Occasionally, a school of mullet would zip through the area.

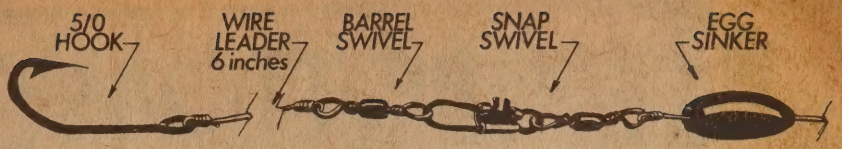
The bunker were in so thick and close to the jetties that during many evenings they would tangle and trap themselves by their gills in the lines. In the darkness one could hear the almost constant plit, plit of the bunker feeding on surface plankton. I do not know the exact biological reason why this area holds that size and kind of bait, but I assume that there is an abundance of food.

Thirdly, the bluefish do not readily hit plugs. Sure, I have seen some caught on plugs, but not as regularly as one might expect. It seems to be the exception rather than the rule. I have beaten the water to a froth in the middle of feeding fish without even a look at my plug.

Once, standing on the end of the jetty, I watched a school of striped bass, that were actively feeding, refuse my plug, no matter what I did. I could clearly see the individual fish swim up to the plug, slam on the brakes, and refuse the offering. But, in total contradiction to this, I witnessed, with considerable jealousy, a forty pound plus bass landed on a surface plug from the mouth of that tidal creek. What can I say? Experiment.

I devised a theory, based on these observations and other experiences, as to why, when, and how the blues feed, and why fishing with bunker chunks is so effective, particularly from a small boat.

The why of the theory is obvious; the abundance of large bait answers that question. When? High water seems to be the best time, with the tide starting to move out. Although, there seems to be fish around at almost any tidal stage. Night seems to be the best time to fish the area, with mornings and evenings running a close second. Daytime is probably the worst time to fish, but I have seen fish caught during the early afternoon, especially during the latter part of the season.



BUNKER CHUNK RIG

I believe that cruising fish and schools of fish are attracted to the area by the bait. As they move closer to the beach from out in the Sound, they are funneled toward the jetties by the shoreline and the bar that runs diagonally out to the Sound and into the beach.

The fish swim in the deeper water in front of the bar and follow it close to the jetties. The fact that the left pinky is within casting distance to the bar makes it the better one to fish from.

I have witnessed these blues funnel in and demolish schools of bunker in a very short period of time. Although they are feeding during these surface demonstrations, I believe that this does not make up the major part of their meals. The blues seem to slash, chop, cripple, and kill far more than they eat. The pieces of these chopped-up bunkers eventually settle to the bottom where the blues, I believe, do most of their feeding. They can leisurely dine, without having to pursue or hunt food, on the remains of the slaughter.

As the tide runs out, so do the tidbits of bunker creating almost a chum slick, which attracts more fish. This process goes on until the water gets too cold for either the bait or the blues. Understanding all of this, the trick is to place a hooked chunk of bunker on the bottom where the fish are and allow it to bounce along like a natural piece of chopped-up bait.

With a car top boat we could easily reach and anchor off the bar away from the crowds on the jetties. The distance from shore was not so great, so rowing out is a possibility. But, of course, it is easier and quicker to power out.

Once on the water, take a bunker, either frozed or freshly snagged and cut it into chunks about an inch wide. The fresher bait tends to work far better. Take a chunk and place it on the hook so that the hook passes through the fleshy part and the barb protrudes from the bait. Once the bait is in the water, constantly check it. A washed-out bait or one party consumed by a crab is worthless. A fresh, juicy bait is mandatory. These bunker chunks also attract some of the largest sea robins I have ever seen.

The rigs we use are very simple. They consist of a 5/0 hook, short or long shank, with a six inch wire trace, terminating in a barrel swivel. We clip this rig onto our lines via a snap swivel. We do this so we can get a deeply hooked, snapping mad bluefish off our lines with minimum effort and all our fingers intact. It takes but seconds to clip on a new rig and the extra hardward does not seem ot make a difference to the fish.

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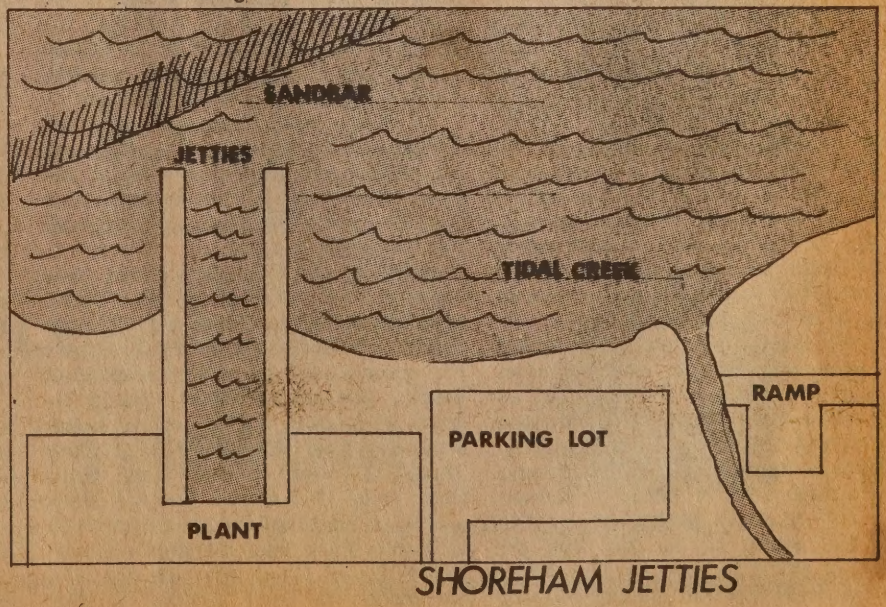

SHOREHAM JETTIES

THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

The Blitzes of Fall

Hold on a minute! Just what do you think you're doing? This is no time to be stowing those rods and reels in a closet to collect dust, or take that skiff out of the water and winterize the outboard. Are you serious or delirious? The fall blitz fishing is just beginning, and the next six to eight weeks will see the most hectic fishing and the greatest catches of fish in both numbers and quality of the entire season. So oil up that reel and tune-up that outboard instead of throwing in the towel—Labor Day doesn't mark the end of the fishing season, it signals the start of the blitzes of fall!

The reasons for the fantastic fall fishing are easy to understand. As they prepare for migrating to their winter haunts, most fish do two things that are a blessing to the angler: they group together in large schools and begin to eat like there's no tomorrow. The schools of fish are simple to find because they will always either be found where the food supplies are most plentiful or where the migration path narrows. Once found, the angler can often bail more fish in an hour than it took him all day to catch in mid-summer.

This is the time of year that the inlet fishing comes alive. As the fish begin to leave the bays they tend to bunch up at an inlet and remain for a few weeks as they fatten up on the hordes of baitfish that are also emptying out of the bays on outgoing water. The only exits from the south shore bays are via the many inlets, which have a funneling effect on the schools of baitfish, making them easy prey for predators to locate and feed on. Fluke, sea bass, weakfish, striped bass and bluefish—all conveniently congested in one area for the angler to take from both surf and boat. The fish have to get fat in a short time so they often throw caution to the wind, making the anglers job of enticing a fish to take an artificial or bait that much easier.

On ~~eht~~ eastern points of Long Island the bass ad bluefish are funneled through the Race and Plum Gut as they move down from their northern haunts and empty out of the eastern portions of the Long Island Sound and the Peconic Bays. Schools of striped bass and bluefish measured by the acre will stack up in the rips off Montauk Point to feed on the large schools of baitfish that are also moving down the coastline. The tremendous turbulence of the rips render the baitfish helpless and the bass and bluefish gorge themselves. As long as there are still baitfish moving past the point and through the Race and Plum Gut, the blitz fishing will go on. It is also believed that the striped bass go through a sorting out process in the Montauk area as they separate into schools of fish spawned in the Chesapeake Bay and Hudson River, to which they will return to winter.

This is also the time of the year when the men of the surf come into their own. As the schools of baitfish move along the sandy beaches from Montauk to the New York Bight, the striped bass and bluefish come within easy casting range as they corral and trap the schools of bait against the beach and turn the surf red with blood as they go on a feeding frenzy. Blitz fishing from the surf can occur at any time during the day or night, and it's only a matter of the fisherman being in the right place at the right time. This is also time to start live-lining eels for those cow bass. Last fall scores of big bass 30 to 60 pounds were taken on live eels from surf and boat during the months of September and October and even into November.

Another prime fishing area in the fall are wrecks. A wreck in the fall is like an all-night diner to fish traveling along a migration route. Blackfish, porgies, fluke, sea bass and bluefish will all gather at a wreck to feed on the life they support, and often upon each other. The same goes for artificial reefs and mussel or shellfish beds.

To show how fantastic the fall fishing can be, let's take a tour around the Island and see what went on last year...there isn't any reason to believe that the same patterns won't repeat themselves this fall:

NORTH SHORE Blackfishing was excellent in all the usual haunts throughout October and didn't begin to drop off until the end of November. Hot spots were buoy 11B off Makamah Beach, Whitewood Point, Harts Island, Execution Light, rocky areas around Cedar Beach, Mt. Misery Shoals, Old Field, Crane's Neck, Sand City, buoy 11 between Eaton's Neck and the Lilco plant, buoys 11 and 11B at Morris Rock area, Calahan's Beach and Prospect Point. Porgies plentiful and large until early October. Striped bass fishing for both schoolies and cows excellent throughout October and didn't fade until mid-November. Sandworms, trolling umbrella rigs and tubes, plugs and tins, bunker chunks and bunker-dunking produced consistently at Old Field Point, Crane's Neck Point, Eaton's Neck, Marshall Field, Cedar Beach, Makamah Beach, Sand City, Hart's Island, Target Rock, Crab Meadow Beach, Mattinecock and Peacock Points. Big chopper bluefish on bunker and artificials throughout October but ending by first week of November. Blues taken wherever more than two bunker congregate at a time. Flounders also begin in early October and quickly peak, but for the most part are small.

NORTH FORK Porgies, blackfish and flounder strong throughout the month of October in Peconic Bays, Best areas: Green Lawn, the Brickyard buoy 10 off Greenport, west of Robin's island, the South Race, North Race and Gull Island. Striped bass fishing excellent during both October and November in Plum Gut, the Race, Gardiners Island Ruins, finally petering out at the end of November. Trolling, casting, diamond jigs and yellow bucktails all produce. Big bluefish in the same areas but fishing starts to drop off in mid-October. Flounders strong throughout the area from the beginning of October on. Weakfishing very good west of Robin's Island until the end of September.

MONTAUK Striped bass fishing excellent in all the rips around the light, Shagwong, and the south side of the point from mid-October well into November before fishing starts to slow down, but bass are still taken during the first week of December. Trolling umbrella rigs or bucktails often produces catches of 30 to 60 bass in a half day of fishing. Diamond jigging also produces great catches. All the bluefish you want until mid-November in the same areas. Porgy fishing remains excellent until the end of October, when the fish begin to thin out and the inshore movement of the codfish begins to attract attention. Early September is excellent for doormat fluke to 18 pounds on the south side of the Point, but the fluking has ended by the end of the month.

SHINNECOCK INLET Striped bass fishing from boat and beach

excellent throughout the inlet area from mid-October until mid-November. Poppers and swimmers from the beach and trolling umbrella rigs at Mecox Bay produces many 30 and 35 pound bass, poppers and blue Rebels take fish from jetties on outgoing tide, trolling umbrella rigs with red, white or purple tubes all take fish. Best tide is outgoing, hordes of sandeels in the water. Bluefish also good trolling throughout October. Porgies taken in bay and inlet areas during late-September and early-Octobrt as the fish begin to leave the Peconic Bays.

MORICHES INLET Bluefish up to "here" in the surf and inlet from mid-September well into October. Weakfish also taken from the surf until end of September. Striped bass clam chummed late-September and early-October in the bay around buoy 36. Bass also good at same time on plugs in the flats and drifting in channels. Big fish taken on live eels in the inlet and from the ocean beaches throughout October. Blackfish, weakfish, blowfish, kingfish and small sea bass also taken throughout October in inlet and adjacent bay waters. Outgoing water best. Live eels still taking big bass in the inlet in mid-November. Bluefish and weakfish on umbrella rigs and white bucktails also until mid-November.

FIRE ISLAND INLET Great South Bay itself produces remarkable mixed bags of porgies, weakfish, fluke, flounder, kingfish, blowfish, blackfish and snapper blues until the second week of October when the various species slowly start thinning out one by one. Excellent bluefishing inside and outside the inlet and at the Cholera Banks until mid-October. Scores of large cow bass taken on live eels and bunker from the surf and skiffs at Cedar Beach, Democrat Point, the Sore Thumb and parking field #9. Large Atom Swimmers also taking their share of big striped bass from the surf. Bass fishing is consistent until middle of November when it suddenly dies off. Lupo Bunker Spoons and umbrella rigs trolled along the beaches also account for a large quantity of bass 20 to 45 pounds. The Kismet Artificial Reef, Fire Island Artificial Reef, all Captree bridges and local wrecks come alive with blackfish the first week of October. Many large fish taken on fiddler crabs at high water. Large porgies and sea bass taken outside on Fire Island Artificial Reef during early and mid-October ang going strong until early November. Codfish make their first showing in mid-October as their inshore movement begins. Wrecks at end of October are producing a little bit of everything. Mixed bags for all.

JONES INLET Local wrecks produce porgies, sea bass and blackfish until end of October. Bass excellent on clam bellies during mid-month at Meadowbrook Bridge. Lupo Bunker Spoons produce many big bass around the inlet and along the sand beaches from inlet to Atlantic Beach until late November. Umbrella rigs and bucktails also produce both schoolies and cows in the same area. Bluefish also taking the trolled spoons, etc., meant for bass until November, as are quite a few large weakfish. Blackfishing excellent October, November and into December at the Stone Barge, Coal Barge, mussel beds and almost any local wreck. Big bluefish taken at the Cholera Banks well into November. Codfish begin to mix with the blackfish on the local wrecks and mussel beds in late October and are in solid by mid-November.

NEW YORK BIGHT Bluefish are taken chumming at the Cholera Banks and Shrewsburg and at Norton's Point on green Bananas throughout October. Porgies, blackfish and sea bass solid around Rockaways, artificial

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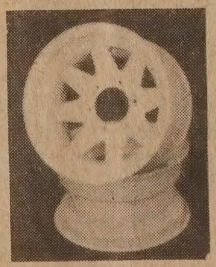

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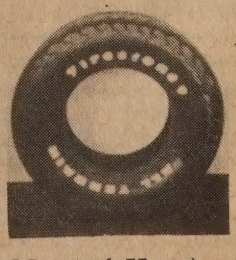

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Fishing the Inlets

by Walter Beattie

When somebody says surfcasting, the usual picture that comes to mind is some guy dressed in rubber head to foot, waist deep in wind driven white water and sun-sparked spray, swinging three ounces of tin on the end of a fourteen-foot rod.

I like to fish that way once in a while, but the picture that comes to my mind when someone says surfcasting is that of a river of swiftly moving but calm water, with moonlight reflecting off the ripples of criss-crossing current. The waders are the same, but the rod is a light action seven or seven and a half foot one-handed job. The plugs are 5/8 ounce swimmers, poppers or tin, or an Alou Eel or Bingle Swimmer, and instead of plugging away you are hunting, working the spots, slow and easy.

I call it "poor man's trout fishing" and the location is usually the mouth of an inlet, usually Jones' or Debs', but others will do. The inlet gives a variety of water conditions and situations that you do not have in the surf. There is still water close in to shore with many rips between it and the main current. There are holes, drop-offs and pockets, flats where the water accelerates over sand shoals or bars and deep, swift moving channels off the face of jetties. The bait comes out from the bays back up the inlet of in from the ocean side on occasion, usually driven by a swift incoming tide, or sometimes chased in by feeding bass. The bass, too, come from either direction.

The shore line of the inlet affords protection to the bait, and when they come in they tend to linger for a while. If the bass come in after them, then tend to linger also, so that you frequently have several opportunities to fish the same body on consecutive tides, or if the bass are in the bays, there will be many working up and down all the time. They are usually schoolies, but the frequency of big fish is enough to keep your interest.

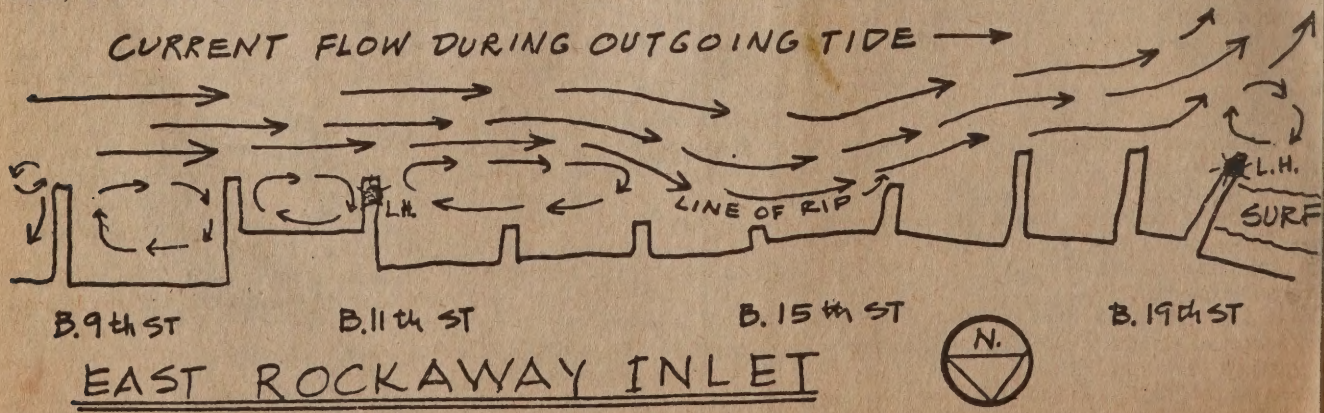
The fun in the light tackle, using plugs in the lee side of the inlet that would blow back in your face if you tried them against a surfside wind. With the light rod and line you really get to work the plug in a way you seldom can in the surf, and you must work the spots. The bass seem to like to have the bait at a disadvantage and tend to feed in waters where the sometimes whirlpool-like current will confuse the bait or sweep them along out of control, making them easy prey due to the superior swimming ability of the bass. Other times the bass seem to just drift along with the bait in the main body of current and just suck them in as they come across them. You have to change your technique and plugs accordingly, sometimes by just casting out and letting the plug sweep in the current, giving it an occasional twitch to detect if a bass has sucked it in.

Outgoing tide is usually the most productive, but incoming should be tried occasionally for variety. Although after dark is best, you need sunlight to see what conditions are developing, what bait are present, so an intermixing of twilight and dawn excursions is necessary, though not nearly as productive as the after-dark, outgoing tide situation.

If you look at the diagram of Debs Inlet (last year's conditions shown subject to change due to sand shoaling), on the Far Rockaway side you can see how the swift moving current of the outgoing tide creates these counter currents between the obstacles on shore. Far Rockaway is diagrammed not because it is such a "hot spot" but rather because of the variety of examples of conditions it displays.

A typical night's fishing for me at this spot would involve several passes up and down the beach beginning at Beach 9th Street. There is a long jetty here. The bass hang in down and in the rocks, so do not cast from the jetty. Cast alongside it. The water is often crystal clear, and if you walk out on the jetty, you can be seen by the fish and you will spook them. Keep a low profile, cast along both sides working the plug out from past the tip and back as close as you can to the side of the rocks. A popper is good at twilight.

If you do not get a strike, walk out to the tip of the jetty and cast six or eight times aiming first back toward shore moving the cast around each time so that you make a full circle and have covered the whole area. Then drop a few into the visible rips especially to the left of the jetty. If you do not get a strike, there are no fish there, so do not linger. The name of the game is to keep moving until you locate where they are—sort of a "search and destroy" mission, necessary because you can be ten yards from where the bass are feeding and never get a strike. Move up to the deep inshore cut at beach 11th Street. Cast straight out as far as you can reach so that the plug lands in the outflow, comes back through the interface and is swept in the opposite direction. Three or four casts are enough. If you do not get a strike, move on. Go up about a half a block and cast back in the direction you just came from parallel to shore and within five to six feet of the water's edge. Retrieve slowly. The bass feed along the steep face of the bank here, and your plug is simulating a baitfish facing into the currant trying to maintain position. The lights from the boardwalk back light you along the beach, and the bass can see you so keep as inconspicuous as possible



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Again, three casts are enough. Move on if you do not get a strike.

Now you are in the "flats" from Beach 12th Street ot Beach 18th Street where the current is swift and shallow without a reverse. Cast up current and let the tide take the plug a full half circle before you begin your retrieve. Move up a few feet and repeat. Do this until you hit the larger jetties at 18th and 19th Streets. Fish these as you did the 8th Street jetties. If you do not get a strike, work back the way you came, and you will discover water conditions have undergone significant change so that the downtide pass will be a different experience.

Watch for pockets of bait or breaks which are all readily visible even on the darkest of nights. Listen for the breaks too, as the fish in the inlets are often "loners" just passing through, so pinpointing them is important. Your basic plug is a floater but do not hesitate to change, based on what bait you see available or suitable to the conditions.

The attitude, approach and conditions are applicable to areas other than Far Rockaway, which unfortunately has ropes parallel to shore during the bathing season, so it is best fished in early spring and late fall.

If you engage a fish you are in for a new experience, as there are no waves to throw you off. The runs will be clean and steady with plenty of jumps and if he goes with the current, you will think he is twice as big, especially with the light gear that prevents you from "horsing." Unless the fish is very small, you are just not going to get him to the beach until he is belly up, and may there be many white bellies in your future.

NORTH SHORE BLUES

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who are experts in their own backyards and they keep in constant touch with what's happening around them. They also want you to catch fish so that you will learn to have confidence in them and return again and again. It is rare to pick up a phone and call a tackle shop or stop in and not be received with courtesy and friendship. Consult the advertising pages of the Long Island Fisherman for addresses and phone numbers.

If you stick a few fish this fall because of this advice why not drop me a line and tell me about it. Good luck and I'll see you on the beach!

Crabbing

by Matt Ahern

From August to late September and often, weather permitting, into early October, good crabbing can be had in just about any creek and bay along the south shore of Long Island.

Probably more fishermen use a crab trap than use a killie ring, but each will produce crabs with little difficulty when used properly.

We'll discuss the crab trap first.

This can either be the older type trap or the more modern one of pyramid shape. It matters not what type you use; they each do their job well. Any tackle shop or hardware store can supply you with the one of your choice. Directions for assembly are easy to follow and takes but minutes to put together. It's a good idea to tie an eight ounce sinker to the bottom from the inside. This helps land the trap right side up.

Bait can be any type of fish. Whole fish, such as mossbunker, sea robin, etc. work well. When using large fish, it is best to score each side several times before placing in the trap. Doing this helps disperse oils and bits of food into the current, thereby attracting crabs. Secure with soft wire or tie tightly. Wire is best as crabs are capable of carrying off any bait not tightly anchored.

I find the best bait for the trap are large killies that have been strung on wire and fastened securely to the bottom. These always seem to produce better than other baits. Avoid using soft baits such as frozen spearing or frozen sandeels. Crabs will soon pull these baits apart and you'll be continuously rebaiting.

When using a trap, there is no way of knowing when crabs are inside. The fisherman should wait several minutes then check by pulling firmly on the main line to quickly close the sides and hauling the trap to the surface for a look-see. As experience is gained, crabs can often be felt scurrying about inside the trap while being pulled to the surface.

Traps are best used from a boat. They can be hung over the side while engaged in other fishing and any crabs taken are a bonus for the fisherman. Unless used from the sides of canals, deep water creeks, piers and wharfs, it doesn't pay to stand directly on shore and toss the trap out to deeper water. Nine out of ten times, it will not land right side up when used this way.

For the fisherman who doesn't care to use a trap, good results can be obtained by using a killy ring. It's best used when fished from an anchored boat or anywhere it can be hung straight up and down. Since close attention must be paid to what's going on down below, it's best to forego other fishing if you wish to crab this way.

This method is the closest to actual fishing as the crabs can be felt tugging at the bait. They are then carefully brought to the surface with a slow, continuous gathering of the line. Try not to break the smoothness of the retrieve by employing jerky motions. Crabs will often become alarmed and drop off if you do.

Construction of the ring is simplicity itself. Use a piece of baling wire, or something similar, about ten inches in length. Slide on two ounce sinker and secure it by forming a twisted loop in the center. Be sure the sinker is centered on the wire. This is important. Not only must the sinker hold the ring against any tidal action, but if it isn't centered, the ring will twist and turn, alarming the crabs as they are pulled off bottom. Drop line cord is best to use. Avoid monofilament as it will curl and snarl on the retrieve.

Use the largest killies in the bait box and push the wire through the body from mouth to vent until the ring is filled. Bend the ends to form a catch and hook together. Be sure to have plenty of bait on hand as blueclaws make short work of it.

When using the killy ring, a net is a must. It's practically impossible to lift a crab from the water without the aid of a net. Approach the hanging crab slowly, preferably from below, then lift ring and net together. Much caution is needed. Even so, no matter how skillful the fisherman is, some will elude the net; but this is what puts spice in this method of crabbing.

When using either the trap or killy ring, crabbing should be done where the current is slow-moving, preferably in water no less than ten feet deep. Deeper water is okay for the trap, but the shallower depths are better when using the ring. Crabs are highly suspicious and will often drop off when hauled to great a distance off bottom. When using traps, this is not too important as the crabs can't escape once the sides are pulled

tightly together.

Good places to try are where narrow drains empty into a creek, or over mud bars at high water. Always look for mud bottom as few blueclaws are found on hard, packed sand.

How's your coordination? Want to test it? Then try "scalping" crabs from pier spilings, warf sides and bulkheads. You'll soon discover how fast blueclaws can be.

While not strictly necessary, it's best to use a rowboat or skiff for this kind of crabbing. Push it slowly past the spiling or obstructions, keeping a sharp eye peeled for any crabs clingling about a foot below the surface. Work the net cautiously beneath the crab and scoop with a quick lift.

This method often produces soft shell crabs. You'll find them together, the hard crab above as protection against the smaller, surface-feeding fish that find softies defenseless at this time. Keep them separated when captured.

For "scalping", it's best to use a net that has its outside edge flattened. This will enable you to get most of the circumfrence of the net under the crab. You can make this modification yourself, or one especially constructed can be purchased.

It's best to work around the spilings on incoming water. A falling tide produces few crabs when this method is used. Try one of the other methods first if the tide is out-going, but keep "Scalping" in mind. It really produces.

Crabbing can be done at night from a small boat, or from a bulkhead or pier. A bright light, such as produced by the Coleman type lamps, is needed. Place at the bow of an anchored or slowly drifting boat, or close by when crabbing from shore. You will soon see the crabs swimming into the light's radius and all you do is scoop them in. It's a good idea to use a long-handled net, or one that can be made so by the use of extention parts.

A powerful flashlight will lead crabs to your net when they are out of reach. Keep the beam before the crab and gradually lead the light toward the waiting net. The crab will follow. Best results are obtained on warm, windless nights.

Be sure to return every crab found to contain a mass of orange-colored eggs on its abdomen. These masses are called "sponges" and often contain from one to two million eggs. Don't fail to do this as crabs do not migrate. If fishermen exhaust the local population by keeping "sponge" crabs, the future supply is soon depleted. Also, return all under-sized blueclaws.

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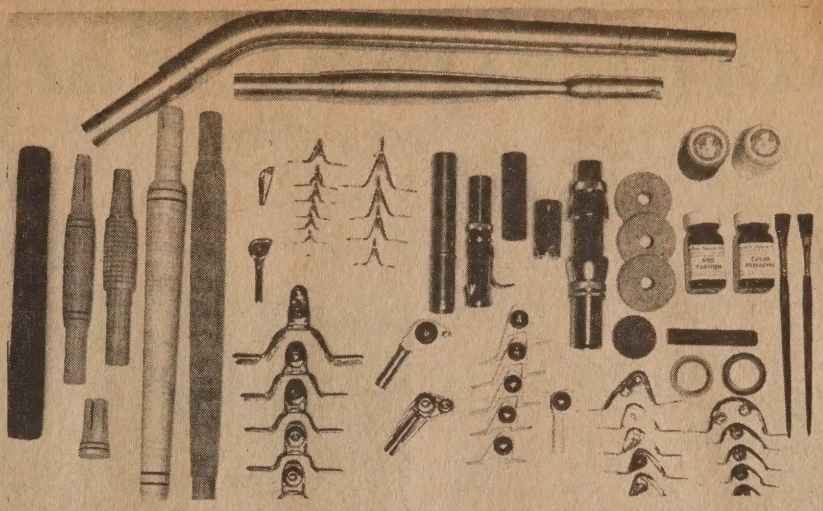

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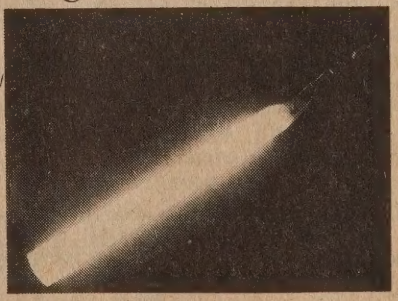

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Connetquot Park *by Ron Miller*

The Southside Sportsmen's Club is now knows as the Connetquot State Park. A state game preserve as well as a Trout fisherman's paradise, the park is one of the last wilderness areas on Long Island. It is a beautiful place to be, whether fishing or simply strolling along its trails.

On my first trip to Connetquot, I walked to my fishing site along the blacktop road on the west side of the river. As I passed the stables behind the old clubhouse, I was astonished to see a herd of whitetail deer. At first there were only three deer, but as I passed them, heads popped up in the undergrowth, watching my progress. I estimated about twenty deer, all curiously watching this two legged creature with the long stick in his hand.

It was cold that morning, and both deer's breath and mine were visible in the brisk morning air. I shot the deer with my camera, and continued along the trail. As I approached the hatchery area, I was surprised to come upon a flock of wild turkeys, the old Tom showing off his proud fan tail, knowing no one here would blast at him with a shotgun.

I haven't been a trout fisherman for some time, but this was my first attempt at fly fishing for these little beauties. My wife Peggy bought me a fly fishing outfit for my birthday the previous fall, and I anxiously awaited the opening of the season to try it out. From both newspaper and word-of mouth publicity, I felt the Connetquot would be the best place for a beginning fly fisherman to learn his art, and at the same time come away from the stream satisified with his beginner's performance.

I picked the worst possible morning to go astream, because it was in the high twenties that day. Giving credence to the wind chill factor it must have been closer to zero. Wet lines froze in their guides and several fly fishermen agreed that only those with a touch of insanity would be out on such a morning.

We caught fish though. The site I was assigned was only slightly productive, super shady and super cold. I moved downstream to the deep pond just above the hatchery and worked around it to find an easy place to cast without getting my somewhat inexperienced flies caught in the shrubbery. (I must interject, I had been practicing on a stream all winter. When I got home my wife led me directly to my little padded room and gave me a warming drink). I finally found a niche under some branches where I could try a side arm cast. What the hell do I know! I'm new at it. Anyway, I was successful, and with the help of the current and the incessant wind I was able to place my muddle minnow just a few feet upcurrent from the spot where I saw a large whirl in the stream. Pleased with myself, I began stripping line when it happened! I had my first trout on a flyrod.

All winter in my spare time when I was not out practicing casting, I was reading the how to books. Last summer, I watched other fly fishermen play their catches. When I hooked this trout, I knew it was no fingerling. My rod is an 8 footer, capable of taking on a fair sized largemouth bass. This trout was doing his part to test the flexibility of the rod, and the strength of the three pound test tippet. I let him do his thing until he grew tired, and drew to net a fourteen inch brook trout. Talk about beginners luck!

I caught another dozen trout that day, releasing all but the first and another two of comparable size. They were a fine dinner for my small family of three.

I have made several trips to Connetquot this year and find it most enjoyable. There is no shoulder to shoulder hustling, and most of the persons you meet are sportsmen. Some of them are holdovers from the private club era, and they willingly and kindly share pointers with the newcomers.

The state stocks the stream from its ~~won~~ on premises hatchery, with two to three year old trout. While there are native browns in the stream, the brooks and rainbows are plentiful. By the way, that first Brookie was a native, as evidenced by his pink flesh.

Apparently he was a holdover from a prior season who got fat and sassy on the minnows in the deep pond.

It costs money to fish here. But where doesn't it? There is a fee of five dollars for four hours, with reservations required in advance. You can make reservations by calling (516) 581-1005 and requesting the available time on the day you wish to fish. There are three sessions, 7 to 11, 12 to 4, and 5 to 9. There is a site reserved for the handicapped, but for those of us in good shape, be prepared for a hike to your fishing site. I find a small back pack handy to carry my waders, thermos, and raincoat (just in case) as it sure beats working up a sweat with the waders on.

Back to the money. In today's lovely economy, no matter what you do costs money. Last year, I drove to my favorite fishing hole in Rhode Island almost every chance I could get. It costs me better than $75 each trip for gas, oil and food. My father has a lodge on a great bass lake, so the housing is free. I hate to admit the number of trips from which I returned tired, worn out and empty handed. I said the same thing a lot of you readers are thinking. Damned if I'll pay to fish. Think about it. How much will you save on each trip. So far I've saved $240. By the time this gets to print, I might just save $700. If you have a youngster eager to learn the ways of the flyrod, he can fish on your permit at no extra charge. The rules are simple, and he or she will catch fish.

The rules consist of $5 for 4 hours. Three fish limit, one over 14 inches, two more from 8 inches up to 14 inches. Barbless hooks, flies only.

There is one new ruling which I personally feel is foolish. You may not keep a live fish on a stringer. You are expected to administer the coup de grace as quickly and humanely as possible for those fish you wish to keep and return all others to the stream with as little harm as possible.

I have a stringer which, save for a small puncture in the lower lip, causes no harm to the fish. If I get one that I would prefer to keep rather than the one I already have, I can gently remove and release the first fish, replacing it with the second.

I can't help but think of the clod who will kill his trout to make the park attendants happy on their inspection patrol, then throw it into the bushes when he gets a larger specimen for his creel. A long stringer will allow the catch to get to the comfortable deep water of the stream and will prove far less wasteful in the long run in the case of Joe Poorsport.

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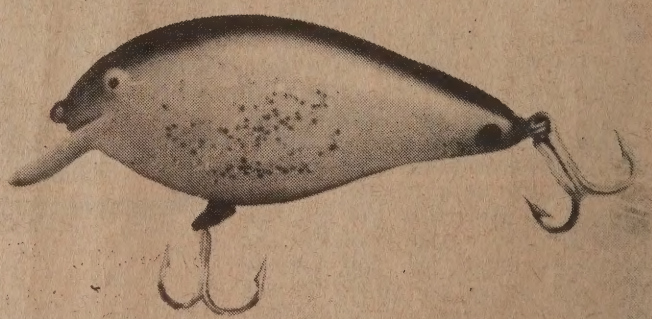

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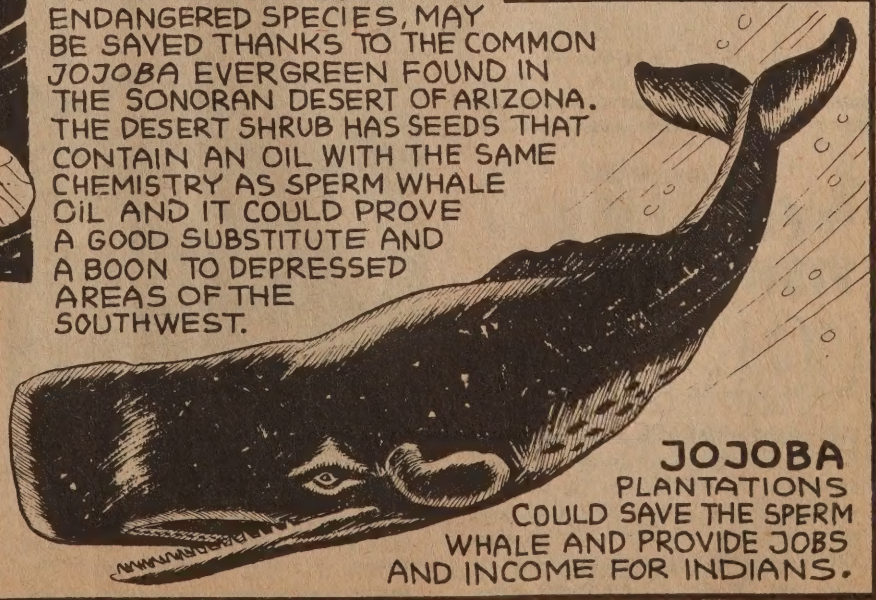

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

Captain Paul Forsberg of the Viking Star told us that fishing for giant cod and pollack at Coxes Ledges has been very good with the fish averaging 12 to 14 lbs. and the pooler usually running over 30. The **Viking Starlite** is still doing excellent with jumbo fluke on the southide and very good with monster bluefish over 12 lbs. on the night runs.

Capt. Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** told us that the boat did an excellent job on blue sharks in the 200 lb. range, makos and browns on

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday despite the weather. One small school tuna was also taken. The best area offshore has been southeast of the Light in 230 feet of water. Bluefishing has been excellent inshore trolling umbrella rigs by can 3. The fish are running 5 to 10 lbs.

Captain Fred Bird of the **Flying Cloud** said that the porgy fishing is fantastic and is getting better and better day by day. Hi-hook is now determined by hi-bag...there are just too many fish to count. Jumbo porgies are in strong at the Great Eastern area when the current isn't too strong to fish. A 7½ lb. fluke was taken on Sunday on a porgy bait and a few sea bass, blackfish and flounder up to 3½ lbs. are mixed with the porgies.

Capt. Dusty of the **Little Bear** is also doing a real leap job on the porgies at Great Eastern and along the south side of the point.

Ronnie D'Albora of the **Gone Fishing Marina** told us that the divers are loading up on bass to 40 lbs. The fish are scattered over the usual haunts but haven't been taking a hook and line yet, but this should change within the week. The bass are two weeks late from last year, probably due to the warm water temperature. Porgy fishing is now the best of the season with fish running the range of sizes between ¾ to 3 lbs. The south side has small fish, but Great Eastern and outer Shagwong have some real jumbos. Flounder fishing is starting early in Lake Montauk with fish up to 1½ lbs. coming in already. Fluke fishing has really tapered off and the end is in sight. Huge snappers 10 to 12 inches are eating everything that moves in the lake. Most of the bluefishing is now being done east of the Great Eastern buoy.

James Hendrickson and his 215 lb. mako shark caught aboard Capt. Charles Nappi's boat the "Sea Witch II" out of Montauk. The mako was a part of a catch which also included three blue sharks.

LIF staff members Scott Simons and Richie-boy Reina took four fluke 3 to 5 lbs. on Sunday from Scott's Grady White Overnighter. The fishing was difficult in the high winds, but there are still some nice fluke on the south side off the radar station in 50 to 70 feet of water.

The **Viking Skipper II** reports a red hot week and weekend of porgy fishing. Saturday one extraproductive drift lasted one hour and 38 minutes, with single, double and triple headers from start to finish.

Henry Colombi of the Star Island Yacht Club called to tell us that the fluk fishing is just about finished. On Monday the "Entertainer" was offshore 35 miles 170 degrees and took 2 blue sharks of 260 and 240 lbs. and a 93 lb. mako and a 19 lb. bluefish. On Thursday the **Marie II** took 31 bass up to 25 lbs. and 36 blues up to 14 lbs. trolling umbrella rigs off Great Eastern. The bluefish were murdered on Sunday at Cartwright with herring on the bottom. The **Miss A-1** had 90 up to 15 lbs. and the **Colleen** had 70, the **Lady Lee** had 50. On Saturday the **Get-Away** had 3 bass to 25 lbs. and on Sunday a couple to 42 lbs. trolling umbrellas. The **Tomcat** took bass at dusk up to 46¾ lbs.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** told us that the porgy fishing remains very good off Gardiners Island, Cartwright Island and can 3 in front of the station and should continue into October. Fish are running fom pins to 1½ lbs. and chumming helps considerably.

SAG HARBOR

Helen at the **Noyac Marina** told us that on Saturday the Takos brothers (Gus, Pete, Tony & John) anchored between the Monastery and the Ferry Slip and landed 19 wekafish and 300 porgies. They also lost almost as many weaks because the didn't have a net with them. On Sunday Spencer Preiser and Pat, Irene and Al made kingfish news with the 31 nice kings they took on worms in Smith's Cove. They also took 75 porgies and 3 blowfish. One boat during the week took 20 blowfish, so there are some in the area.

SHINNECOCK

The **Captain Clark Boats** started blackfishing on Wednesday with good results. Hi-hook was 14 fish up to 6 lbs., and the fish should start getting big by the end of the month. Porgies

The Long Island FISHERMAN

FISHING TRIP CONTEST

The person with license number AM-66 failed to call by the Friday deadline, so this week there is no winner of the Litter Box Contest. Next week's winner will receive $20 instead of the normal $10 prize plus two tickets on an open boat. See page 48 for further details.

have been very good all week on the local wrecks and hard bottom between Nassau Point and Robin's Island. Average per man is 20 to 50 porgies ¾ to 2 lbs. A few weakfish are still in the area but are scattered.

HAMPTON BAYS

Bradley's Fishing Station reports the fluke fishing is still good in the East Channel on any moving tide with squid and spearing combo baits. Flounder are off to a good start off the Green Lawn. Still plenty of porgies for the taking in Peconic Bay.

MORICHES BAY

Romona Seifert of the **Silly Lily Fishing Station** said that there are still some nice catches of fluke being taken on sandeels and squid on incoming tide from buoy 36 to the Elbow. An excellent catch of fish is being taken in the hole by buoy 42, a mixed bag of flounder, seabass, weakfish andsnappers. Signs are good for the fall start as the water cools.

L&M Marine told us that Don Chiusano of Flushing took 40 blackfish up to 20 inches long along the rocks of both sides of the inlet on fiddler crabs. Some fluke still around, flounders off to a good start at buoy 42 on bloodworms.

Al Lassen at the **Hi-Way Fishing Station** told us that the fluke fishing slowed down on the windy weekend but up to 200 flounder a boat are being taken north of buoy 42. Some nice blowfish are in the same area and kingfish and seabass are also mixed in. Offshore trolling for bluefish with umbrella rigs has been very good west of Moriches Inlet.

MASTIC BEACH

Keenan's Fishing Station reports lots of blows and kings at buoy 17 on squid. Large snappers are also around and blowfish are also being pulled up in crab traps. Lots of crabs around buoy 17. Eels are in stronger now and they are bigger, while fluke are waning. Bloodworms are producing some flounder at the inlet.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vito at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports good weakfishing between Nichols Point and Great River on squid, on hi-lo rigs and on squid tipped shrimp jigs. Kingfish in the same area on squid and clam. Porgies also at the mouth o Great River, on clam. Fluke at the same area on spearing and squid. Lots of crabs in traps and for netters. Flounder should be starting as soon as the weakfish leave, around the end of September.

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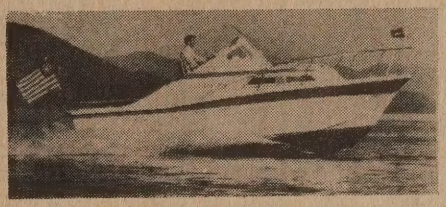

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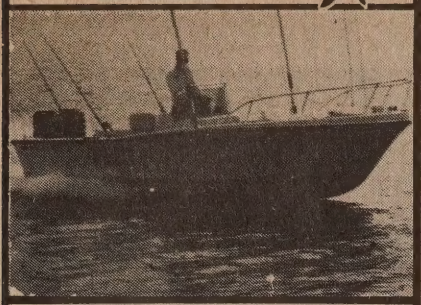

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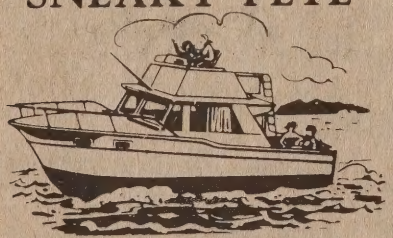

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Capt. Bob Joseph of the **Capt. Joseph Fleet** told us that the bluefishing was super on Saturday and Sunday southeast of the Fire Island Artificial Reef 2 to 3 miles in 70 to 90 feet of water. The fish average 3 to 6 lbs. and 6 to 12 lbs. with a few up to 14. Albacore are mixed in with the blues. Fluke fishing was only fair after Friday's blow but catches of big fish were very good previously.

The **Capt. Ben Litwin** had pretty good fishing all week for big fluke and seabass at the F.I. Artificial Reef but the weekend fishing was poor due to the high winds.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy V** told us that bluefishing has been excellent, with Sunday the best with 400 blues 3 to 14 lbs. for 40 people. On Wednesday 25 albacore and 12 tuna from 18 to 25 lbs. were also taken. On Thursday the blues were huge, averaging 7 to 15 lbs. Best area has been southeast of the F.I. Artificial Reef in 75 to 90 feet of water. Speedy expects the fishing to continue strong at least until mid-October.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** confirmed the excellent bluefishing southeast of the Artificial Reef. On Sunday 17 people took almost 400 blues. On Tuesday and Thursday the fish were all giants of 10 to 14 lbs, and on Thursday 12 tuna 20 to 25 lbs. and on 25 to 30 albacore were taken with the bluefish.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the charterboat **Lady Ann** said that the bluefish-

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ing on Sunday was fantastic southeast of the F.I. Reef in 80 feet of water. The Tap-A-Keg Athletic Club from Queens took 300 fish from 3 to 13 lbs. Fluke fishing was very poor on the Reef Saturday after the blow of Thursday and Friday, but there were signs of the fluke returning to the reef on Sunday.

The **Captree Bait Station** informs us that snappers are still off all the piers, but that fluking has slowed considerably. Small flounders are being picked off all the piers between Overlook and Fire Island on bloodworms. Blackfish are being taken on fiddlers and green crabs from Overlook, the Sore Thumb, the Fire Island piers and Field #2 on Fire Island Inlet. Bluefishing is very god at Cedar Beach and Democrat Point on Hopkins, Krocodile and, as far as bait goes, the best is butterfish and bunker strips. Lots of bait in the water, but scattered

OAK BEACH

Bill at **The Store** says the hottest thing now are big bluefish, 12-14 lbs., being taken from the surf at Cedar Beach and Democrat Point on flood tide on tins, spoons, poppers and big surface swimmers. John the Greek had a lot of big weaks on Saturday using live snapper in the early morning on an incoming tide. John also took a 5 lb. fluke this way. Nice blackfish, sea bass and kingfish are being taken between the Store on the bay side, along with snappers, mainly on clam and squid, with fiddlers for the blacks. Point Democrat is producing a few schoolies on live eels and clam baits. Clam chummers are not doing much. Bunker and mullet are spotty though around, leading to spotty bass activity. A few flounder are being taken.

EAST ISLIP

Wet-A-Line Bait & Tackle confirms that the bluefishing is hot in Fire Island Inlet on surface swimmers and poppers for casters. Flounder are starting and Don has bloodworms on hand.

BABYLON

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** says you can still get some keeper fluke at Dickersons and Snake Hill Channels at the Red Buoy area, expect about six fish per man up to 2 lbs. Sea Bass are being taken on squid and clam at the drawbridge. Porgies are also feeding on squid and clam offerings at buoy 6 and the inside artificial reef. Blacks are hitting fiddlers and squid at the drawbridge and at the State Channel. Snappers and fluke at the buoy 6 area but no

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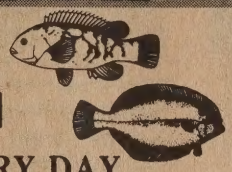
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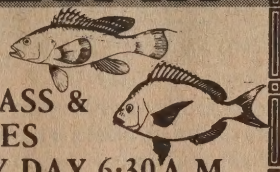
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Joe, Glenn and Ralph caught these chopper blues alone in wader deep water off Cedar Beach. The blues weighed from 10-17 lbs. Some of the blues had to be bigger as they broke surface plugs in half. Photo courtesy of the Store.

flounders as yet, however, as soon as the water cools, they should start to fly.

Babylon Fishing Station reports nice fluking at Snake Hill Channel, the Coast Guard Station and outside at the pound nets on killies and squid. Inside, weakfishing is very good off the lighthouse on live snappers. Walter says expect flounders soon. Kings and blowfish are being taken in various areas on clam and squid. It's a real fall grab bag.

LINDENHURST

Jack at **Charlie's Bait & Tackle** says the big thing now locally are 7-11 lb. weakfish at the Kismet artificial reef, fished on the bottom with a sinker or drail with a snapper, on a long leader on incoming tide. Also, blackfish are feeding nicely on fiddler crabs on this reef. Small blues, 2-3 lbs., can be found at various times in the inlet and are hitting just about everything. Lots of flounder with catches of 60 and 70 recorded at the Sore Thumb, for boaters and shore fishermen on bloodworms. These are fish up to 1½ lbs. Seventy foot of water is producing big blues for chummers along with bonita and small tuna.

AMITYVILLE

Jonas Bait & Tackle informs us that fluke are now bigger in the inlet, State Channel and in the bay and outside, also at the Kismet Reef. Blacks are also very cooperative on fiddlers at the Kismet Reef. Weakfish also populate the reef as well as off the Coast Guard Station and off the lighthouse, with the best bait being small blackfish and snappers drifted on the bottom with a small 1-2 oz. drail. Bluefish are very good at the inlet for casters, with surface plugs working best. The Copiague Hole is producing kingfish, weaks, blowfish and porgies on bloodworm. A blue fin tuna of 8 lbs. was taken on a live snapper on the bottom drifting with a long leader on Friday. There is nice flounder action at Squaw Island, Fox Creek, State Channel, the Amityville Cut and the Copiague and Lindenhurst beaches on bloodworm. Crabs are still plentiful.

Andrew Nelson, holding up the 51 lb. yellowfin tuna caught by his day, Artie aboard the "Debra", on a recent trip to the Hudson Canyon by the Tournament Anglers. Subscriber Club Photo.

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Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reports snappers are still around, but the fluke are petering out. Flounder activity is picking up here and there, mainly at the deeper holes and at the bridges. Blackfish are at these locations also, though small, on fiddlers. Weaks are here and there, mainly there. Crabbing is still good.

Pop's Fishing Station reports luke are still available at Four Corners and the State Channel, all t des, on killies and squid. Flounder are being taken from deep holes and at Rowboat Alley (located between Four Corners and the 2nd bridge) on bloodworms. Snappers are plentiful while kingfish are hitting the worm baits as well.

Capt. Dave Pigott of the charter boat **Lucky Strike III** has been enjoying very good bluefishing, choppers up to 13 lbs., at Cholera.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** says this week has seen fluking greatly improve in the bay, particularly in Ned's Creek and at Merrick Point. One angler had 19 keeper fluke, 18 to 20 inches, along with 40 snappers, all taken at the entrance to Ned's Creek. The snappers are in the ½ lb. class. The inlet has been slow, while the bays and inside has really picked up. Some weaks at the bridges. Kings, sea bass and porgies are jumping on bloodworms on flounder rigs. One Wantagh clam chummer took ten school bass to 7 lbs. way inside the inlet, exact spot not devulged. The inlet itself is holding a few big bass which are falling to bunker dunkers.

Chris Steuven and Dad with a 19 lb. fluke caught in the New Cut on killies. Photo courtesy of Cerullo Bros Fishing Station.

Ronny De Lucca nailed a 29½ pounder over the weekend on bunker. A couple of blowfish have been zapped from the :al bays.

Doctor Arthur Manfredi, Art Manfredi, Bob Chaprutian and Bill Blitz bagged 20 fluke up to 8¼ lbs. fishing the Fire Island Reef with killies and squid.

Two mates from the Tampa V, Vinny and Kris with a friend Gordon caught these 3 brown sharks and over 1000 lbs. of Capt. Vigilants Gorillas. Subscriber Club Photo.

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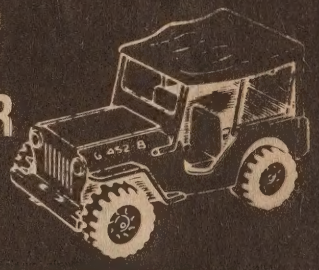

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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

The **Capt. Al** reports very good blue action on both day and night trips, all week and weekend. On Sunday, Al fished 8 miles south of Cholera and points southeast and bailed 6-12 lb. fish plus some bonita and albacore. Al says the best bluefishing is yet to come. They should be mostly big choppers and should come after the loads of butterfish now in our water.

Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** says his bluefishing has been very good all week, except for Friday's blow. Days and nights are equally good, with Thuursday being a bonanza. Richie is working Cholera, Three Sisters areas and also south of Cholera. They are taking fish 3-15 lbs. plus albacore. On Saturday, there was a steady pick all day and 25-28 fish a man was the average. Saturday night, Capt. Chris bagged 300 blues for 35 fares.

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Capt. John on the **Aloma** says that except for the poor fishing on Saturday due to the blow, he has been doing a leap job on sea bass, porgies and even some fluke. Monday through Friday were super excellent, as was Sunday, with action constant, at 10-15 men a trip weekdays and each man bagging up. Even 20 accidental fluke came over the rail on Sunday.

The **Aloma II** is still catching larger fluke now, though quantity is dropping, as the season winds down along with the temperature.

Capt. Marty of the **Empire Fleet** reports bailing the choppers Saturday and Sunday at Cholera. "Really jumping," says Marty. On Saturday the fish ran 3-5 lbs. and on Sunday 5-10 lbs. They seem to have settled in the Cholera-Three Sisters area for now. Capt. Marty says the alligators (giant choppers) are on their way and should end the blue season with a tremendous bang when they move down.

Capt. Walter on the **Acme** caught 7 fluke himself, 6-8 lbs. at Cholera on whole smelt, in 80 feet of water, as an experiment on Sunday, while he had a party bluefishing.

Dock One, while getting in on the hot blue action, has had a lot of several hundred lb. tuna run off with baits this past week. Look out, Jaws!

Capt. Johnny A of the **Miss Freeport** has been doing terrific with big sea bass, porgies and fluke, working the local wrecks all week and weekend.

Capt. Lou II continues good fluking in local back bays and Jones Inlet. Watch for the switch to fall flounder.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports fluking has slowed down but some fluke are still being picked in the Inlet and the bays. Snappers are still plentiful, all over. Sea bass, ½ pounders, are at the bridges and are taking just about any bait. There are more anglers going out for flounders now and it should blossom with the cool weather. Kings are being taken at the bridges and Jones Beach piers on worms, clam and squid.

Roy at **Mako Marina** tells us that Ed

Capt. Tony Maltese and mate Phil DiLeonardo with 18 bass up to 31 lbs. The bass were caught on clam bellies in the State Channel. Photo courtesy of Rocc.

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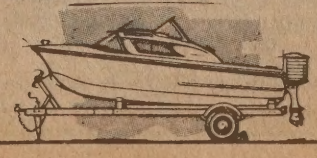

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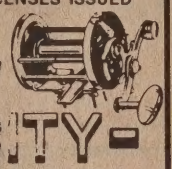

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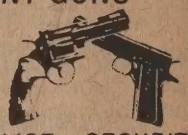

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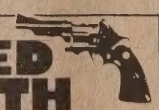

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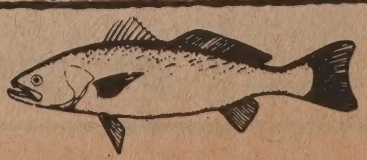

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Miller of the Freeport Tuna Club and three guests on the Equalizer had approximately 23 blues to 12.9 lbs. Lenny Auehran had 15 flounder on sandworms on Sunday fishing inside at Gilgo, fish ½ to ¾ lbs.

POINT LOOKOUT

Mrs. White, wife of Capt. Art White of the **Angler II** says the fares are loading up day and night on big blues, 6-12 lbs., along with bonita and tuna. Thursday saw angler Leon Levy of Long Beach deck 19 big choppers. The weekend was excelient also, at Cholera and points south.

Ed's Fishing Station said the fluke slowed down over the weekend due to the winds. There has been a large influx of blackfish. These fish have been taken on fiddlers and green crabs at the jetty and the Meadowbrook bridges. Good sized porgies of a pound were caught at buoys 16 and 22. Sand porgies are from buoys 16-20. Blues were spotty.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Don Eichin of the **Shearwater** called to say that on Wednesday, at the Mudhole, Bob Schmidt, Fred, Dom and Joe, all of the Bronx, had 4 tuna of 25-30 lbs. On Sunday, a shark trip was weathered out, so Don fished Cholera for blues and in four hours, John Beierle, Sal, John the barber and Frank took 40 choppers, 6-16 lbs. on chum. Two and three fish on at a time was common. Four fish went over 15 lbs. About 40 fish were also dropped in the frenzy.

Capt. Clem on the **Commodore**, now fishing Saturday, Sunday and holidays, has only been having fair catches of fluke and says it will last another week or two. Now the average is 10 keepers a man, working Ambrose Channel, Sandy Hook and the Highlands. Pool fish are anywhere from 4-8 lbs., depending on conditions, etc. Clem tells us there are ½-¾ lb. porgies, pin bass, some flounder and snappers in Reynolds Channel, and 2-3 lb. blues are hitting fluke rigs at Ambrose.

Beckmann's in Lynbrook reports striped bass action from the beach is coming alive. The surface Danny plug has been working well with the best time night till dawn, working low water incoming. Ten year old Stephen

Mark Acocella of Valley Stream with the "Bull" dolphin he caught while fishing aboard the "Moby D" out of Lindenhurst. Photo courtesy of Island Marine Taxidery.

Arthur Looper, Ralph Lamagna, Gary Kaplan and Steve Gelfand caught these 23 blues at Seabright, N.J. using chum and smelt. Photo courtesy of the charterboat Rocc.

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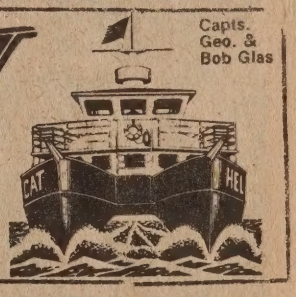

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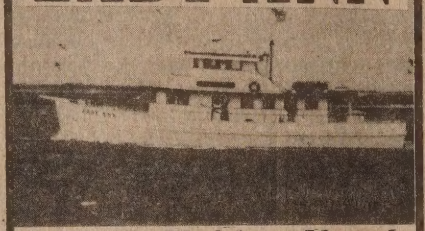
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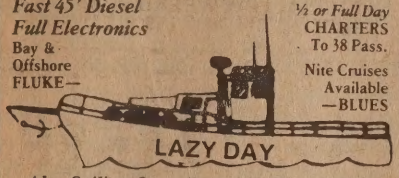

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LONG BEACH

Tom at **Long Beach Sports Marina** reports fluke are still being caught in the channels on killies and smelt. Porgies that are better than a pound are at Long Beach High School. They are taking worms. Striped bass are starting to move and are being trolled on big Danny plugs.

Robert Knox of Ocean Beach caught this 40 lb. bass off the Montauk Lighthouse using a tube trolled behind 250' of wire. Photo courtesy of the Harborside Resort Motel.

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John Brando at **Cross Bay Rod & Gun** says fluke are hitting pretty good on killies, squid and spearing at the Marine Parkway Bridge and Floyd Bennett Field. Broad Channel has lots of porgies to 1¼ lbs. on worms. The Marine Parkway Bridge has striped bass and weaks hitting worms on the bottom, while bluefish are taking chunk bunker or mackerel bait.

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Capt. Joe on the **VBlue Sea II** had excellent bluefishing Sunday, as the Shelton Fishing Club (30 men) bagged about 260 blues, 3-10 lbs. at Ambrose Tower. Saturday was poor due to bad weather, but fishing was very, very good all week for blues, along with bonita and albies at Shrewsbury. The blues ran 3-10 lbs. Regretably, some private boatmen made asses of themselves by not giving the party boats enough room and of course,

Donald Thompson caught 7 fluke up to 12 pounds aboard the "Marie III" out of Point Lookout. Subscriber Club Photo.

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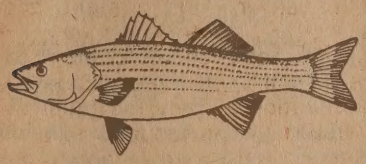

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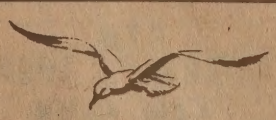

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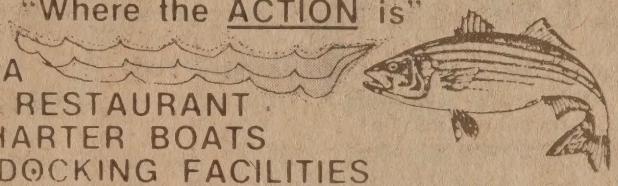

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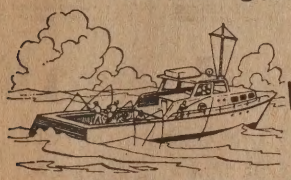

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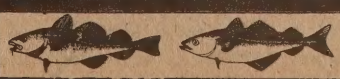

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Pilot II skipper Capt. Tom had tough fishing Sunday due to the NW winds, but all of the remainder of the week was excellent, with loads of porgies of ½-1 lb. being taken. Tom says this has been the best bottom fishing season in years. Tom is working the Rockaways and will swing to blacks as soon as they show.

The charter boat **Jonny K II** reports that the charter by John Murphy and party on Thursday resulted in seven tuna, 20-30 lbs. and 9 albacore, 10-20 lbs., plus three bonita, 4-6 lbs., all off the BA Buoy. On Tuesday, Capt. John Kull took a party out and made them very happy with 49 big choppers and three bonita.

Capt. Charlie Locurto of the charter boat **Tone B** had Daniel Silverio and party out on Sept. 7th and also off the BA Buoy and at the Klondike bagged 80 fish for ten anglers, consisting of tuna, albies, bonita and blues, all chummed, and going up to 35 lbs.

Harold at **Bay End Dock** reports lots of fluke in the Rockaway Channel, off Coney Island and past the jetty to the Tin Can Grounds. Squid strips and spearing are best. The rip in the channel off Manhattan Beach is being trolled for weaks using the Bingle Lancer, Salty Dogs and bucktails. The weaks are 4-10 lbs. and as many as 15 or more fish have been taken on a tide. Start fishing for the weaks about one hour after dead low. Big porgies of a pound are at the Tin Can Grounds and sand porgies are in the bay.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports Penny Beach remains about the same for striped bass. Mount Loretta is another place for striped bass using worms. Fluke, snappers and sand porgies are all available from the beach from Fort Wadsworth to Tottenville. The boats trolling green or blue Bingle Bananas at buoy 46 are picking up 6-8 lb. weaks with 2-4 lb. blues mixed in. Worm drifting is best for weaks. The 21 can has slowed down on weaks and striped bass. Hoffman and Swinburne Islands are better for bass. Try drifting worms or popping plugs close to the rocks. If you see birds working, they are most likely picking up the scraps the 10-15 inch snapper blues have left. Beneath the blues are weaks taking jigs.

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NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

The black fishing is coming alive reported **Art White's Bait Shop**. Surf fishermen are picking them up in L.I. Sound from Greenport to Orient using green or fiddler crabs. The bluefish are taking all kinds of lures and bait in Plum Gut, the Race and Pigeon Rip. Some fluke are still to be had at Gardiners Island. The bay is loaded with snappers and blacks and porgies are being caught from the Greenport Jetty. Louie's Beach has weaks taking worms and squid. Art White's Bait Shop will be the headquarters of the Fourth Annual Greenport Aquaseum Fishing Contest. This fishing contest is open to all and will be held on October 10 and 11, 1975.

SOUTHOLD

Good porgy fishing reports **Port of Egypt Fishing Station.** The South Ferry, buoy 4 and the Greenport breakwater are all good spots. Blacks have started to be caught in the Brickyard and they are taking crabs. Long Beach also is seeing the beginning of the flounder run. They are being taken on clams at present, but use mussels if available.

JAMESPORT

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Gregg Keener (12) caught these 16 lb. blues at the Huntington Beach while casting a Creek Chub Popper. Greg was the only one out of 50 people to catch blues because the others were using bunker.

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John Rummo and Larry Winston caught these blues on live bunker in Hempstead Harbor.

bogue said they are doing well fishing for blackfish in L.I. Sound. Green crabs and fiddlers are the baits. Some fair bluefishing has been done from the Sound beaches using butterfish. Porgies remain good and weaks are taking squid and worms at Rose Grove.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Dick's Sporting Goods reports very good snapper fishing off Cedar Beach. Blackfish are picking up and are taking fiddler crabs and worms. Bluefishing has been quiet during the week. Porgies are holding their own.

PORT JEFFERSON

The porgy fishing has been pretty good, according to **Caraftis Fishing Station**. Blackfish have started to show at Old Field Point and along the rocky areas. Crab bait is best. There are still blues in the harbor but outside has been quiet.

NORTHPORT

Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Sporting Goods** said that on Saturday and Sunday he saw big blues to 15 lbs. chasing bunker off the dock. Monday saw the same. These fish are taking cut bunker, or when on top, plugs or Hopkins. Snappers are still plentiful. Blacks are taking crabs at Eatons Neck and Makamah. Porgies are in the harbor taking worms. The hole off Centerport Harbor has weaks that are taken on worms. Striped bass are few and far between.

HUNTINGTON

The blues have been wild all wek said George at **Four Winds Tackle**. These big 10-15 lb. blues have been in and out of Huntington and Lloyd Harbor chasing bunker. Bluefish trolling has also picked up at buoys 13 and 11B. The clam chummers are picking up striped bass at Eaton Neck rips. Because the snappers are thinning, worm trolling at Marshall Field has been more productive. Blacks are at Target Rock and Makamah. Porgies are very good at buoy 6 and Eatons Neck.

Capt. Don of the **Ever Ready Fleet** reports great bluefishing. There are loads of blues and a party of three took 65 blues among them. The bottom fishing is very good for porgies and blackfish to 9 lbs. have been taken.

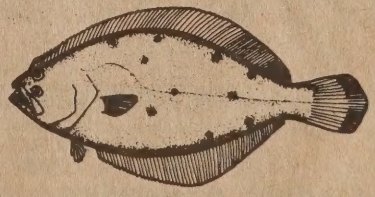
GLEN COVE

Monster blues to 15 lbs. are being taken on bunker, said John at **Glen Cove Sports**. These blues are not smashing the whole bunker but just nibbling at it so use three or four hooks. Snappers are still around and will hit small shiny lures but silverside bait is best. Striped bass are extremely wary but are slowly responding to popping and swimming plugs. Worm trolling is your best bet.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reported there are lots of porgies at Harts Island. Other good spots are Sands Point, Execution Rock and the CBS towers. Harts Island has striped bass and a 40 pounder was taken there last week on live bunker. Blues are chasing bunker between Harts and City Islands.

Bobby Keys, Walter Shepperd, J. Washington and Elliot Gregory of New York City with 357 porgies up to 2½ lbs. at the Abandoned Lighthouse. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station.



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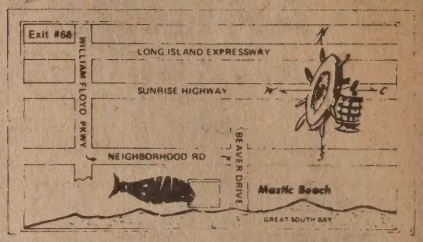

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There are two other pieces of equipment necessary. One is a gaff, save those fingers. The other is a camera. Besides taking some memorable photographs, the experience of seeing a flashcube go off when your eyes are accustomed to the dark and you are in the process of fighting a fish will not soon be forgotten.

While you are out there and, if the left jetty is not too crowded, try snagging a bunker, Fish it alive and close to the left side of the jetty and you may leave with a trophy striped bass. You never can tell.

This fall I intend to pull out the old car topper and spend a few evenings with my friend Paul, whopping it up and popping flashcubes to the tune of "Dem ole tin boat blues."

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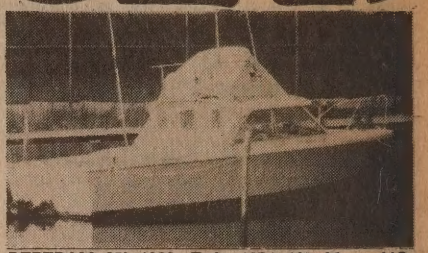

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BLITZES OF FALL
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reefs, local wrecks and rocky areas off Seabright until the end of October when they are joined by the codfish moving inshore. Big bass taken in early October on live bunker off Playland. In mid-October bass of mixed sizes taken on diamond jigs and sand worms at buoy 15A, school bass on sand worms and bucktails at Great Kills Park, Staten Island. By mid-November, school bass were being taken in quantities on A-27 diamond jigs and black tubed umbrella rigs at Ambrose Channel, Manhatten Beach, Tin Can Grounds. Sandy Hook area produces plenty of school bass and quite a few large bass to 40 pounds on bunker spoons and umbrella rigs. The great bass fishing finally has a slow death by the first week of December as the last of the bass move up the Hudson River and the codfish and whiting fishing takes over for the winter.

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CRABBING
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Don't keep captured crabs in a bucket of water. It will soon heat and kill the crabs. Use a bushel basket or some such container that allows drainage. Be sure to protect from the sun's rays. Crabs will live quite awhile out of water, especially if sprinkled with sea water when frothy, soap-like bubbles are noticed.

Hard crabs are cooked by dropping alive into boiling water for ten or fifteen minutes, then cleaned under the faucet. Remove the top shell and the innards, along with those rubber like "fingers" called "dead-men" by some fishermen. Soft crabs are cleaned before frying by lifting the top shell slightly and removing all soft intestines. Handle carefully; they damage easily.

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FIRE ISLAND WRECKS
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DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
9/18 THURSDAY	7:11	7:27	8:48	9:03	11:18	11:36	10:38	10:56
9/19 FRIDAY	7:48	8:05	9:21	9:39	11:52	—	11:15	11:34
9/20 SATURDAY	8:25	8:40	9:57	10:14	12:09	12:19	11:52	—
9/21 SUNDAY	8:57	9:14	10:30	10:50	12:31	12:31	12:11	12:28
9/22 MONDAY	9:29	9:49	11:04	11:25	12:41	12:49	12:48	1:04
9/23 TUESDAY	10:03	10:23	11:41	—	1:07	1:20	1:25	1:39
9/24 WEDNESDAY	10:36	11:00	12:04	12:15	1:40	1:57	2:02	2:16
9/25 THURSDAY	11:16	11:40	12:45	12:55	2:20	2:39	2:43	2:59

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	+0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	+0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
9/18	3:30	10:00	3:55	10:20
9/19	4:10	10:40	4:35	11:00
9/20	4:50	11:15	5:15	11:40
9/21	5:25	11:55	5:55	:
9/22	6:10	12:30	6:45	12:50
9/23	7:00	1:15	7:25	1:35
9/24	7:50	2:05	8:15	2:25
9/25	8:40	2:55	9:05	3:20

PHASES OF THE MOON

9-5	9-12	9-20	9-28
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

9-6	6:31	7:25
9-12	6:37	7:16
9-18	6:43	7:06
9-24	6:48	6:54

The Long Island FISHERMAN

FISHING TRIP CONTEST

The Long Island Fisherman is holding a contest where our readers can win a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the 45 convenient locations listed below and pick up an L.I.F. litter box for the rear window of his car. Each week the license plate number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, just call *The Fisherman* by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received by the deadline, the cash prize will accumulate.

THIS WEEK'S WINNING LICENSE PLATE NUMBER IS:
528-QJC

Pick Up Your Litter Box At One Of These Locations:

MONTAUK
Grady Marine
Tumas Tackle

OZONE PARK
Channel Rod & Gun Shop
Marino's Tackle

BALDWIN
Baldwin Marine Supply

ISLAND PARK
Ralphs Tackle & Sporting
K & K Outboards, Inc.
Commodore Fishing Station

POINT LOOKOUT
Ed's Fishing Station

BAYSHORE
Mainland Marine

FARMINGDALE
Mike's Fishing Tackle

EAST ISLIP
Starfish Marine
Wet-A-Line

GREENLAWN
Greenlawn Sports

HUNTINGTON STATION
Four Winds Tackle
Ronnie's Bait and Tackle

ISLIP
Islip Marine Center

MILLER PLACE
Dick's Sporting Goods
Queensland Cove Tackle

PORT JEFFERSON STATION
Port Jefferson Sport Shop

PORT JEFFERSON
Caraftis & Sons Boat Station

ROCKY POINT
Bob's Lockeroom

MOUNT SINAI
Ralph's Fishing Station

LONG BEACH
Long Beach Sports

LINDENHURST
Charlie's Bait & Tackle
Charlie's West Tackle
Duke's Tackle Shop

COPAIGUE
S.T.P.A Copaigue

AMITYVILLE
George Combs Tackle
Jonas Bait & Tackle
Sportackular

SEAFORD
Lon Wanser Tackle
Eastern Reel Service

WANTAGH
Causeway Bait & Tackle

BELLMORE
Kwak's Tackle
Merrick Marine Supply

AQUEBOGUE
Warren's Tackle Center

MATTITUCK
North Fork Market

FREEPORT
Al Grover's
Charvin Marine
Grove & Atlantic Beer
Schultz Sporting Goods
Sea Isle Sports
Mako Marina
Anthony's Fishing Station
Dockside Diner
Hudson Point Marina

HAMPTON BAYS
Skidmore's Sport Shop
Three Aces Fishing Center

CENTEREACH
Plaza Sports

S. JAMESPORT
Jamesport Fisherman Haven

SOUTHOLD
Port of Egypt

GREENPORT
Art White's Bait Shop

LYNBROOK
Beckman's Tackle

DEER PARK
A & B Sporting Goods

EAST NORTHPORT
Larkfield Sports Center
S.T.P.A Elwood
The Great Outdoors

COMMACK
R & R Sporting Goods
Commack Sports Center

SMITHTOWN
Smithtown Sports

HOWARD BEACH
Crossbay Rod & Gun
Noehren's Bait & Tackle

MANHATTAN
John Baumann's
Capitol Fishing Tackle
Robbins Rod & Reel

BROOKLYN
Bernies Bait & Tackle
Mike's Tackle
Stella Maris
Ted's Tackle

CAPTREE
Captree Bait Station

BABYLON
Hi-Hook Fishing Station
Augie's Bait & Tackle
Babylon Fishing Station
Babylon Sports Center
Babylon Yacht Marina

OAK BEACH
The Store

CITY ISLAND
Jack's Bait & Tackle

FLUSHING
B & B Sporting Goods
Aqua Pet Sports Center
Empire Sports

MORICHES
Moriches Bait & Tackle

CENTER MORICHES
Dicks Tackle Box
B&B Tackle & Sports

Weekly winners of the L.I.F Litter Box Contest may chose a trip for two aboard one of the following boats as their prize:

MONTAUK
Viking Star
Peconic Queen II
Marlin III

CAPTREE
Speedy V
Capt. Ben Litwin
Capt. Joseph Fleet

FREEPORT
Starstream II
Aloma II

SHEEPSHEAD BAY
Amberjack IV
Cheif

NORTH SHORE
Port Jeff Ace
Betty W